

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, claims 2-4, 9-11, 13 and 16-19 have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies and to replace the words "characterized by that" and "characterized in that" with the word "wherein" and to correct certain punctuation. No new matter has been added.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the and claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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